GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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COLON COLORECTAL CANCER
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people die every year due to colorectal/ colon cancer as reported in the Statesman dated March 24, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to check such cases in the country and to provide medical help in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)& (b): Colorectal Cancer is not common in India and is not among the leading cancer sites according to National Cancer Registry Programme of Indian Council of Medical Research.It is the third most common cancer in man and women representing 13% of all cancer causing 6,55,000 deaths worldwide every year.

(c)& (d): The colorectal cancer is caused by various factors.The treatment is effective if the disease is detected in early stages. The treatment of cancer is by surgery/Radiotherapy/Chemotherapy and supportive care.These facilities are available upto District Hospital/Medical Colleges besides premier Apex institutions including AIIMS.In addition, Radiotherapy facilities are available at 237 centres in India.